

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:	David J. Ecker <i>et al.</i>	
Serial No.:	10/660,122	Group No.: 1637
Filed:	09/11/2003	Examiner: J.N. Fredman
Entitled:	<b>Methods for Rapid Identification of Pathogens in Humans and Animals</b>	

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE  
ACTION MAILED APRIL 20, 2007**

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Dear Examiner:

The following communication is in response the Final Office Action mailed April 20, 2007 in the above-referenced application, due July 20, 2007. The present Amendment and Response to Final Office Action of April 20, 2007 is filed with a Request for Continued Examination as provided under 37 CFR §1.114, together with the appropriate fee. In addition, the present Amendment and Response to Final Office Action of April 20, 2007 is filed with a request for a one-month extension of time, together with appropriate fee. If additional fees are necessary, the Applicants hereby authorize the Commissioner of the Patent and Trademark Office to charge any required fees to Attorney Deposit Account No. 08-1290, referencing Attorney Docket No.: ISIS - 10450.

**STATUS OF THE CLAIMS** begin on page 2 of this document.

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